

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL - CITY OF LODI**

September 19, 1951

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 5 minutes past 8:00 o'clock P.M. (PDST) of Wednesday, September 19, 1951.

Councilmen Bull, Haskell, Prescher, Rinn and Tolliver (Mayor) present, none absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 5, 1951 were approved after correction of these minutes (p.37, Vol.8) relating to prohibition of automobile parking on East Lockeford Street on Saturday and Sunday, September 22 & 23, 1951, to the effect that such parking is prohibited on both sides of this street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS -

**CONTINUED
HEARING
IN THE MATTER
OF VACATING
STURLA ST.**

As continued from August 15th and September 5th, hearings were resumed on the proposed vacation of Sturla Street, a portion of South Lee Avenue and of the alley in Block 6 of Sturla School Addition as undertaken pursuant to Resolution of Intention No. 1623 adopted July 18, 1951.

Mr. Fred M. Spiekerman, President of the Board of Trustees of Lodi School District stated that the Board of Trustees made no objection to abandoning Sturla Street as the widening of Pleasant Avenue by twenty feet along properties to be acquired from R. P. Barbour and W. T. Beckman, together with the improvement of the alley, (also agreed to be made by Barbour-Beckman), would offset any advantage of Sturla Street; in fact, by closing Sturla Street, the School would obtain a compact area immediately west of the present Needham School buildings. He asked that the City maintain the widened portion of Pleasant Avenue and the above alley after they had been acquired and improved by the sellers of the property. Mr. Reuben P. Rott, member of the Board of Trustees of Lodi School District, elaborated on Mr. Spiekerman's remarks, emphasizing that exceptional growth of the school required that the District acquire additional lands for kindergarden and primary pupils. George D. Folsenske, City Fire Chief, argued against the street closing on account of the length of the block. He was informed that provision had been made for locating a fire hydrant on Lee Avenue, midway between Tokay and Chestnut Streets but still maintained that confusion would exist owing to breaks in street numbers where no intersection would exist. Messrs. Baker, Bender and Fink, who had protested the street closing again repeated arguments favoring their stand, holding that if Sturla Street remained open, it would give more space that the District would acquire, after the twenty-foot wide strip had been severed along Pleasant Avenue. Mayor Tolliver stated that the City Council's interest was in following the plans of the School District for the best interests of the schools.

Councilman Rinn then moved that the Council proceed with the vacation proceedings in that this matter had been favorably considered by the City Planning Commission and the School Board and such evidence as had been presented warranted this action. At the moment, there was no second to Councilman Rinn's motion and the Mayor allowed debate to continue. Superintendent of Schools Leroy Nichols told of the District's efforts to acquire this property from the previous owners without success, and, if this site is not acquired, another location in the Southwest part of Lodi or in the vicinity of Lodi will have to be purchased; the Barbour-Beckman property is the last chance that the District can have to obtain land in the vicinity of Needham School.

Councilman Haskell then summarized the evidence and contentions presented, stating that the School Board should positively state that this is the only property obtainable suitable to its use and that the street closing is essential to their use of the property. Councilman Rinn: This is a decision for the City Council to make as to the public good. Trustee Rott: The School Board is interested in obtaining the most suitable property at the best price.

At 9:45 P.M. Councilman Haskell brought the debate on this matter to a close by seconding the motion made by Councilman Rinn, that the City Council proceed to vacate the streets and alley named and that Ordinance No. 443 be introduced.

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<p>ORDINANCE NO. 448 INTRODUCED</p>	<p>ORDINANCE NO. 448 " ORDERING THE VACATION OF STURIA STREET, A PORTION OF SOUTH LEE AVENUE AND AN ALLEY IN BLOCK 6, ALL IN STURIA SCHOOL ADDITION IN THE CITY OF LODI ". All Councilmen being familiar with the contents of this Ordinance, second reading was omitted; after reading by title by unanimous consent, and the ordinance ordered to stand introduced by the following vote:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AYES: Councilmen, RINN, HASKELL AND TOLLIVER NOES: Councilmen, BULL AND PRESZLER.</p> <p>Persons interested in the foregoing then left the Council Chambers and the usual order of business was resumed.</p>
<p>REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER -</p>	
<p>RENOVATION WATER WORKS BUILDING INITIATED</p>	<p>Renovation of Water Works building, Locust & Main Streets. This is a project contemplated in the annual budget as an outlay of public utility capital funds in the amount of \$8,500.00. The work will be done over a period of months and Mr Weller requested authority to expend the budgeted amount so that specifications and purchase orders could be drawn and placed. Authority granted, motion Councilman Bull, Haskell second.</p>
<p>ROLLER AWARD RES. 1638 ADOPTED</p>	<p>A tabulation of the three bids received by the Purchasing Clerk on September 17th for the purchase of an 8 ton, three wheel roller (Specifications adopted September 8th) was read. Mr Weller recommended that award be made to Casson Hale Corporation of Hayward, California, the low bidder at its bid price of \$8,998.20, less \$200.00 if payment is made within five days from date of delivery. Recommendation approved and award made to Casson Hale Corp. by the adoption of Resolution No. 1638, introduced by Councilman Preszler, Haskell second and carried by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>AWARD OF ANNUAL AUDIT RES. 1640</p>	<p>Bids received in answer to published notice by the City Clerk for the audit of accounts of the City for the fiscal year 1950-1951 were then submitted to the City Council by the City Manager for consideration of award without recommendation. After canvassing the seven proposals received, award was made to the low bidder, Mr George L. Johnson, Russ Building, San Francisco, who had made a similar audit for the year 1948-49, by the adoption of Resolution of Award No. 1640, introduced by Councilman Bull, Rinn second.</p>
<p>G & W. FESTIV- AL CONTRACT.</p>	<p>An agreement entered into between the City Manager on behalf of the City and Lodi Grape and Wine Festival and National Wine Show for the expenditure of \$2,000 from promotional funds was approved on motion of Councilman Haskell, Bull second.</p>
<p>L.B.M.A. REQUEST FOR CHRISTMAS DECOR- ATION MONEY LAID OVER</p>	<p>Lodi Business Men's Association, by letter requested the allocation of \$600.00 toward defraying the cost of Christmas decorating in the down-town section. Mr Weller stated, in that he understood that the sum of \$1,000 given the Association in 1949 and in 1950 was for the acquisition of these decorations and that the City would be at no further expense on this account, therefore no allocation of funds had been made in the current years budget. At the direction of the Mayor, this matter was ordered laid over to the October 3rd meeting to consult the record of previous transactions for this account.</p>
<p>CLAIMS</p>	<p>Claims in the amount of \$46,742.01 as approved for payment by the City Manager were allowed on motion of Councilman Preszler, Rinn second.</p>
<p>S.J.L.H.D. taxes CANCELLED RES. 1639</p>	<p>City of Lodi taxes on property at 111 South Pleasant Avenue now owned by San Joaquin Local Health District, acquired subsequent to the lien date for 1951-52 taxes were cancelled by the adoption of Resolution No. 1639, introduced by Councilman Rinn, Haskell second, and passed without dissenting vote.</p>

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HELMENSTEIN
TRACT FINAL
MAP APPROV-
ED.

The final map of "HELMENSTEIN TRACT" submitted at the last Council meeting was again presented to the City Council with the oral request of the subdividers that the Council approve this map as submitted, i. e. with the eighty foot diameter turning circle at the southerly terminal of Sacramento Street. Mr Clifford Gatzert for the subdividers, Mr & Mrs David Helmenstein, explained the practical difficulties encountered in the partition of this tract, showing the alternates presented to the City Planning Commission and the weakness of each of them which finally influenced the Planning Commission to decide for the circle terminal. The matter was debated for nearly an half hour when Councilman Haskell moved approval as submitted, this motion seconded by Councilman Rinn and on a vote being had, this map was approved as a legal subdivision, Councilman Bull voting against approval.

At 10:55 o'clock P.M. adjournment was had on motion of Councilman Rinn.

Attest:

Superintendent
9-21-51

J. F. Blakely
J. F. BLAKELY, City Clerk